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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

From the director's corner, I am happy to report that things are going well at CIE.

On Friday, April 25, the 46 International Affairs (IA) majors in our IA Senior Seminar presented their research at the Undergraduate Research Conference. Following the conference, we celebrated with IA's Class of 2008 and their families at our graduation luncheon held in the Huddleston Ballroom. Each graduate was recognized for academic achievements in their host country abroad with special sashes to be worn at commencement (see page 5).



This spring CIE awarded 23 study abroad scholarships to the most deserving students in our five schools and colleges. Eleven of those students will be participating in UNH managed programs. The competition for CIE Faculty International Development Grants has been completed, and outstanding research by UNH faculty will again be the focus of the New Hampshire International Seminar in spring 2009.

This past semester seven events, organized or co-organized by CIE, featuring national and international speakers, took place on our campus and drew robust numbers of students, faculty and Durham community members.

CIE is growing. We are very pleased to announce that we have hired UNH alumnus Benjamin Cole, who will start his position as lecturer in the International Affairs dual major program this fall. A UNH graduate in political science (BA, 2005; MA, 2006), Ben is a PhD candidate in public policy at George Mason University of Public Policy. In addition, CIE is preparing to hire an administrative director for study abroad to start in August 2008.

Our close collaboration with the University Honors Program, the Hamel Undergraduate Center and the Fellowships Office has been fruitful, collegial and thoroughly enjoyable. This spring we selected Nick Smith, assistant professor of philosophy, as our first Hood House Professor.

Finally I wish to thank the amazing staff at CIE without whom there would be no CIE, and my UNH colleagues for their support and encouragement.

~ Dr. Claire Malarte-Feldman

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